

BC Coaches Week – Feature Coach

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If you could be any color in the Crayola box, which one would you pick and why? It would be Blue, for that is the fresh color of the mountain flowing water that pours into our rivers, lakes and oceans!

How long have you been coaching? I have been coaching at the NLPC for 2 years this November. I was introduced to coaching 3 years ago

Why did you decide to be a coach? I coach because i love the water, i represent dedication to the sport. I coach to get at risk youth involved in sport, i love to pull kids away from their Xbox's and play stations...and activate their Long Term Athlete Development. I am changing the Youth Culture in Nitinaht, not only on the water, but opening the Youth eyes in different sports.

What, if any, professional development plans are in your future? Long term plans within the NLPC would be to have a Building at Gus Bay for the Club, i could envision an environment where Youth of tomorrow could grab a Canoe:Kayak of their choice and go for a morning paddle/evening paddle. A short term goal is the get the next wave of youth into the C-1s, C-2s; K-2s, K-4s...in other words, to have Youth actively competing in Mainstream Canoe/Kayak.

What is your proudest coaching moment to date? My favorite coaching moment is when 8 Youth of Ditidaht First Nation were named onto Team BC in Enderby, BC!! My fav coaching moment was never channeled on one specific paddlers glory, but as those 8 youth were named onto the squad i knew that they would be representing their families, their communities and their Provinces at an International Level.

Who is your 'idol' coach? A Coach that i Idolize, that would be Johnny Williams, he trains his Youth in War Canoe, and to move them to a Jensen or Kayak and have as much success as he had with his youth is an Amazing accomplishment. Johnny's attitude towards the sport is definately unmatched. Together when we united at the Coaches meeting at the University of Regina to protect Youth we barely knew at the time, shows how much the sport meant to him, he exercised fair play to their fullest at that meeting. To coach along side him and his wife at NAIG was an honor.

How important is winning? As long as Youth train hard, compete to their full potential at competition; having fun always comes before winning

How do you define success as a coach?..... when youth are interacting with teammates and fellow competitors.

If you could be a super hero for 24 hours; which one would you be and why? Lol I would definately Hulk out in a Canoe!!

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